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ILLITERACY PRONE AREAS IN COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that some areas in the country are still illiteracy prone areas;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have sought reports from the State Governments in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the various schemes launched by the Union Government to eradicate illiteracy from the country have not proved to be effective; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the schemes successful?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c) Monthly Monitoring Meetings are held at state levelto critically review the progress of literacy campaigns in the states with special focus on illiteracy prone areas.

(d) The effectiveness of literacy campaigns are established by the fact that in the Census 1991 the rate of literacy was 52.21 percent. As per the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 53rd round the literacy ratein 1997 was 62 percent. As per National Family Health Survey − 2 (1998-99) released in November, 2000, the literacy rate in 15-39 are group was 66.9 percent.

(e) Steps taken include revision of National Literacy Mission (NLM) parameters and enhancement of financial norms, integration of the phases of Total Literacy Campaign and Post Literacy Programme, delegation ofpowers to State Literacy Mission Authorities (SLMAs), enlarging the scope of Continuing Education Programme, strengthening ofJan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs)and extending their activities in rural areas, revitalizing State Resource Centres(SRCs) for preparation of better teachinglearning materials and improved quality of training.